

CLAIMS

I claim:

1 1. A tubular body formed from a sheet metal blank having a pair of stamped
2 sleeve parts having axial end surfaces and connected by a web, said tubular body comprising
3 a pair of stamped sleeve parts connected by a web, said sleeve parts being coaxial
4 and having respective axial end surfaces which are mutually facing.

1 2. A tubular body as in claim 1 further comprising one of a spring element
2 and a damping element pressed into said sleeve parts and holding said sleeve parts together
3 under tension.

1 3. A tubular body as in claim 2 wherein said one of said spring element and
2 said damping element comprises axial stops which hold said sleeve parts together under tension,
3 said axial stops being located outside of said sleeve parts, oppositely from said mutually facing
4 end surfaces.

1 4. A tubular body as in claim 1 wherein said sleeve parts have respective
2 opposed end surfaces facing oppositely from said mutually facing end surfaces, and respective
3 inside walls extending between said mutually facing end surfaces and said opposed end surfaces,
4 each said sleeve part having a transition surface pressed into the opposed end surface and leading
5 into the inside wall.

1 5. A tubular body as in claim 1 wherein said sleeve parts are welded
2 together.

1 6. A tubular body as in claim 1 wherein said web comprises a stamped pass-
2 through opening.

1 7. A tubular body as in claim 6 wherein said pass-through opening has an
2 expanded diameter adjacent to said sleeve parts.

1 8. A tubular body as in claim 1 wherein each said sleeve part has an axial
2 length, most of said length extending between said connecting web and the respective mutually
3 facing end.

1 9. A tubular body as in claim 1 wherein said web comprises mutually
2 opposed side edges having respective parallel flats for applying a wrench.

1 10. A tubular body as in claim 1 wherein said connecting web comprises a
2 transverse web which can serve as a retainer during fabrication of the tubular body.

1 11. A tubular body formed from a sheet metal blank, said tubular body
2 comprising
3 a pair of opposed ends,
4 an inside wall extending between said ends, and
5 a pair of transition surfaces pressed into respective end surfaces and leading to the
6 inside wall.

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